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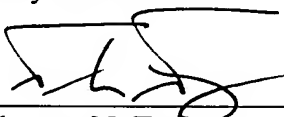
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- (1) Yasuda et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,718,813 B2, issued April 13, 2004; and
- (2) Tsubouchi et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,779,271 B2, issued August 24, 2004.

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